

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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In an effort to alleviate this problem, hands-free units have been developed for use with wireless subscriber terminals in vehicles. In a common arrangement, for instance, a hands-free unit may include a microphone and speaker (or may employ the existing speaker system in the vehicle), and the unit may then include ~~and~~ a connector configured to be connected to cellular telephone (e.g., by sitting the telephone in a cradle). The connector typically provides a power source to the telephone and includes audio line-in and line-out functions so as to facilitate feeding speech signals from the microphone to the telephone and feeding speech signals from the telephone to the speaker.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

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Figure 2c is another perspective diagram of the hands-free unit of Figure 2a;

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

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A method and system for establishing subscriber terminal communications. An actuator, which may be as simple as a single pushbutton switch for instance, may be engaged by a human so as to send an actuation signal to a controller that preferably resides external to the subscriber terminal. The controller receives the actuation signal and further receives an indication of the status of the subscriber terminal (such as whether the terminal is currently engaged in a call, is idle, or is ringing). Based on the actuation signal and the status of the subscriber terminal, the controller determines an action to be taken by the subscriber terminal. The controller then sends a directive to the subscriber terminal, which causes the subscriber terminal to take the action. In

one arrangement, for instance, the action may be the subscriber terminal dialing digits that are sufficient to cause a dial-up connection to a voice-activated-dialing platform. Once connected to the platform, the human may then speak commands to[[, which]] the voice-activated-dialing platform and the platform ~~to which the platform~~ may appropriately [[respond]] perform an action based on the commands.
